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I am compelled to notify you of my concerns, and those of the community, of the integrity of the property located at Tank Car Corporation of America, Oreland Mill Road and Walnut Avenue, Oreland, PA 19075.

As you may know, this is the site where the Environmental Protection Agency completed a remediation of the property, due to the various hazardous materials on site. Our concern is that the remediation is to remain intact and not be further compromised. This concern is due to the current actions of the tenant of the property.

Here is an accurate history as to what occurred, since June, 2013 to the present:

-Tank Car Corporation of America rented the property to Philly Transportation, which is owned by Eric Faust

-Mr. Faust denied that the property owners previously advised him that this was an EPA site and certain precautions are required (the property owners openly stated that they advised him of this)

-Mr. Faust ignored the posted sign on the property that warned of "No Digging" and to notify the Springfield Township and specified the names of the hazardous materials on the site

-Mr. Faust erected a fence on the property. As a result, there was a compromise to the cap. The EPA noted they would have "preferred" the location of a couple posts to be in a different area, but the relocation of those posts would cause greater harm

-A minimum of fifteen (15) trees were taken down and not replaced. This may impact the water runoff

-In excess of fifty (50) school buses were then transported to the property

-While the above work was completed, Mr. Faust failed to apply for any of the required permits. This may be due to Mr. Faust's inexperience with construction, as he is directly supervising the project and does not have a general contractor. His expertise is with transportation

-The community notified Springfield Township and the EPA of the construction. The Township then issued a "Stop Work Order" and advised Mr. Faust of the concerns with not applying for the required permits, maintaining the integrity of the property, water run-off, traffic concerns, and other issues

-Mr. Faust blatantly ignored the law and "Stop Work Order". Despite this order, the work continued. The work is not limited to the following: the grading of the property, erecting a fuel pump pad, putting a trailer on the property, and transporting fifty (50) additional school buses to the site. All of these activities were specifically prohibited by Springfield Township and yet Mr. Faust choose to simply ignore the verbal and written notices

-Mr. Faust had also intended to erect various fifty foot (50') light posts throughout the property. Due to the community's notification to the EPA, the EPA was able to stop this process, as a few of the posts were designated to be erected in areas that would have compromised the cap and expose the hazardous materials

-The community then held various meetings with The Township and Mr. Faust. During these meetings, Mr. Faust then changed the name of his company, from "Philly Transportation" to "Cheltenham Transit". Accordingly, we are not certain of the actual entity but it has remained that Eric Faust is the owner

-Mr. Faust then advised of his intentions to further expand on the property and would be unable to estimate the ultimate amount of school buses to be on the site. He also noted his desire to demolish various buildings on the site (please recall the recent tragedy in Philadelphia when the demolition was completed as planned)

Mr. Faust advised he would be "a good steward of the property". Mr. Faust's prior actions would indicate this is not true. I am not certain as to why he would be so in the future. Mr. Faust has continued to disregard the law. I am not certain as to why he feels he is entitled to do this.

The community recognizes this property is zoned "Industrial". However, there are further concerns as to what occurs outside of the four (4) corners of this property. Here is what the community of Oreland can expect, concerning the impact of traffic:

- 5:00-5:15 AM-85-90 cars arrive at the depot
- 5:30-6:00 AM-85-130 buses depart
- 8:30-9:00 AM-85-130 buses arrive
- 8:45-9:15 AM-85-90 cars depart
- 1:15-1:30 PM-85-90 cars arrive
- 1:30-2:00 PM-85-130 buses depart
- 4:30-5:00 PM-85-130 buses arrive
- 4:45-5:15 PM-85-90 cars depart

The proposed route for this traffic is through Walnut Ave. This road is a narrow, one (1) lane in each direction, with no dividing lines, no shoulders, and no sidewalks. The grassy areas on either side of the road are sloped. This road is the only access to the Sandy Run Park, which was only built this year for the use of its citizens. The proposed traffic pattern would prevent any bicyclists and/or pedestrians to have use of this road. The concern of the safety of any bicyclist and/or pedestrians is very real The proposed traffic would cross two (2) bridges (a bridge on Walnut Ave and on Pennsylvania Ave) and I am not certain if the bridge structures would be able to maintain the weight during the course of the years.

Senator Toomey, I implore you to thoroughly review this project and the impact of the future integrity of this site and to the community. This letter does not enumerate all of the concerns of the citizens, but some of the primary concerns.

Mr. Faust has failed to obey any of the laws and there is no reason to believe this will change. Please advise who is responsible for future inspections of this site, to ensure it remains intact.

If this site were to be compromised, we are concerned about the health and well-being of the citizens, let alone who would bear the costs for any clean-up. Due to the present state of the economy, there are no guarantees that the EPA would be in a position to complete future remediation.

The July 14, 2013 headline in The Philadelphia Inquirer read, "A Tragedy Foreshadowed". You have the ability to write future headlines for the law abiding citizens of Springfield Township and Oreland, PA.

Thank you for taking the time to address my concerns and those of the citizens of Oreland, PA.

If you would like to discuss this with me, my home telephone is [REDACTED] and work is [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Margaret Mary Burke  
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